



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the Drug Enforcement Administration announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: Gamaliel Moreno-Perez was sentenced today to 5 years incarceration following his conviction for possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine by the Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon, United States District Judge. He was also placed on 4 years of supervised release following his release from incarceration and ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment.

On April 28, 2008, agents of the DEA received information that the defendant and Wilson Perez-Landeros would be transporting drugs. They also had information concerning the type of vehicle the defendants would be driving. When the vehicle got on Interstate 80 and headed east, the decision was made to stop it with the help of Douglas County sheriff deputies. The vehicle did not stop and a short chase ensued. The parties abandoned the vehicle near 36th Street and Interstate 80 when the front hood popped open and impeded the driver's vision. They were arrested on foot with the aid of a helicopter. Inside the vehicle methamphetamine was strewn about the back seat. A vacuum retrieval was initiated and approximately seven grams of methamphetamine was recovered from the vehicle. Officers retraced on foot the route of the chase on the interstate and located a quart-sized ziploc baggie with a hole in the side containing approximately three to four ounces of methamphetamine.

Name of Defendant: Gamaliel Moreno-Perez

AKA: Roman Moreno-Perez

Age: 19

City of residence: Omaha

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, imprisonment of 5-40 years, a fine of \$2,000,000, both such fine and imprisonment, a term of supervised release of at least 4 years, and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: near 36th and I-80 in Omaha.

Location of Arrest: near 36th and I-80 in Omaha.

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: 50 grams or more of methamphetamine

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Wilson Perez-Landeros previously sentenced to 5 years by Judge Bataillon.

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: 4/28/08

Federal Arrest Date: 6/30/08

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: 5/22/08

Initial Appearance Date: 6/30/08

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled 11/21/08

Sentencing Date: 2/13/09

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: None

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Detained

In Continuous Custody Since: 6/30/08

Assigned District Court Judge: Joseph F. Bataillon

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